

Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services 2016 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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Inspection Date: May 18, 2016

Subsequent Visit Date(s): January 26, 2016
May 4, 2016

Technical Assistance Date(s): January 26, 2016
May 18, 2016

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INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 20th annual evaluation of the Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	Johnson
Governing authority	Johnson Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator	Kristi Bruther
Detention facility’s mission	To provide a safe, secure and humane detention environment that protects the community while respecting the rights of the individual.
Rated capacity	48
Population on date of audit	16
Average daily population for the last 12 months	11.61
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	9.16
Year the building was built	1991

Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	New flower pots in front of the building
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	New water heater
De-escalation techniques training	No specific technique
Physical force techniques training	No specific technique
Chemical agents permitted	No
Name of food service provider	Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center
Name of food service supervisor	Heather Titara
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Dr. Bullington, MD
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Adult and Child Mental Health; Stephanie Hootman, Masters in Counseling

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 16 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann
File Review of the 16 mandatory standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant. • Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	The Center is very well maintained. All areas of the Center were well-kept, clean, orderly and sanitary.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three youth, one female and two male, all with three or more previous detention stays, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • All youth reported, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility. • Youth reported having foot pain due to the Center not providing tennis shoes or shower shoes, nor allowing youth to wear their personal shoes. • Youth's reported concerns were shared with Center administrators.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide youth shoes to wear during the day, to protect the feet from injuries, and while showering.

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 1/26/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Johnson County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Bruther. Youth were observed participating in recreation classes under direct supervision of detention staff. The facility population count was 13. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level in the facility was above average.

On 5/4/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Johnson County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Bruther. The detention staff had just completed a facility shakedown. The youth were observed participating in recreation classes under direct supervision of detention staff. The facility population count was 11. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level in the facility was above average.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)

The Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center's education technical assistance visit occurred on 1/26/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The education program operates year round with instructional days of six hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either overseeing an approved online instructional program or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes two full-time teachers and one part-time detention center worker who provides administrative assistance and serves as a substitute teacher.

The Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 5/18/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

CONCLUSION

Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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